

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/784,573 Confirmation No.: 9589  
Applicant : Ferass Abuzaina  
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For : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING  
OPTICAL RETARDATION AND BIREFRINGENCE  
TC/Art Unit : 2877  
Examiner : Roy M. Punnoose  
Docket No. : ETH-5124  
Customer No.: 25570

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Official Action of September 8, 2006, in the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.